ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

NEWS RELEASE



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SOUTHEAST ALASKA SALMON PURSE SEINE FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Sitka. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today that the following areas will be open to purse seining during the times and in the areas listed below.

District 1

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 9, 2017:

Section 1-F: will be open south of a line from the southernmost tip of Cone Point at 55°14.45′ N. latitude, 131°18.90′ W. longitude to the northernmost tip of Harbor Point to Point Davison Light then due west to the District 2 boundary with the following restriction:

Boca de Quadra: will be closed east of a line from Quadra Point to Kah Shakes Point.

District 2

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 9, 2017:

District 2: will be open south of the northernmost tip of Polk Island located at $55^{\circ}00.73'$ N. latitude with the following restriction:

Moira Sound: all waters will be closed.

District 7

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 9, 2017:

Section 7-A: will be open south of the latitude of Thoms Point at 56°06.96′ N. latitude.

District 10

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 9, 2017:

District 10: will be open with the following restrictions:

<u>Admiralty Island shoreline</u>: will be closed within 3.0 nautical miles of the Admiralty Island shoreline;

Frederick Sound: will be closed east of a line from Cape Fanshaw Light to Pinta Point.

District 11

Section 11-A: will be closed.

District 12

The following areas will be open to purse seining from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Sunday, July 9, 2017:

Section 12-A: will be open in the following area:

Admiralty Island shoreline: will be open within 2.0 nautical miles of the Admiralty Island shoreline south of the latitude of Point Couverden at 58°11.39′ N. latitude and north of the latitude of Point Marsden at 58°03.40′ N. latitude.

The following areas will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 9, 2017:

Section 12-A: will be open in the following areas:

Point Augusta: will be open within **2.0 nautical miles** from the Chichagof Island shoreline and north of a regulatory marker at 58°01.63′ N. latitude (located 1 nautical mile south of Point Augusta Light);

Tenakee Inlet: will be open west of a line from the easternmost tip of East Point to a point at 57°46.34′ N. latitude, 134°56.07′ W. longitude to South Passage Point and east of the longitude of Corner Bay Point.

District 13

The following areas will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 9, 2017:

Section 13-A: will be open in the following area:

Lisianski Inlet: will be open south of a line from the northernmost tip of Soapstone Point to the westernmost tip of Column Point with the following restrictions:

Lisianski Inlet: normal markers;

Lisianski Strait: will be closed south of 58°00.16′ N. latitude.

Section 13-C: will be open **east of McClellan Rock Light** with the following restriction:

Sitkoh Bay and Florence Bay: will be closed north of a line from Point Craven to Point Hayes.

District 14

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 9, 2017:

Section 14-C: will be open within 2 nautical miles of the Chichagof Island shoreline.

Amalga Harbor SHA update: DIPAC greatly appreciates the cooperation of the seine fleet in avoiding anchoring in the Amalga Harbor SHA. It is requested that boats do not anchor in the Amalga Harbor SHA prior to 6:00 pm, Tuesday July 11. Anchoring in the active cost recovery area can interfere with DIPAC cost recovery operations. Cost recovery operations are progressing very well for the time.

King Salmon Landing Restrictions: For Kendrick Bay THA and fishing areas open outside of THAs, king salmon 28 inches or greater in length may NOT be retained and sold. King salmon greater than 21 inches and less than 28 inches may be retained but not sold. King salmon 21 inches or less may be retained and sold. All king salmon harvested in the Hidden Falls, Anita Bay, and Neets Bay THAs may be retained and sold. All king salmon harvested in the Deep Inlet THA must be retained and may be sold.

The next seine announcement will be issued on **Tuesday**, **July 11**, **2017**.

Copies of the "2017 Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Fishery Management Plan" may be obtained at department area offices listed below and can be downloaded on the department's website at: http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon_managementplans.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this news release is EO 1S2817.

Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Harvest Estimates Statistical Mid-Week 27

Preliminary Estimates Compiled July 7, 2017

NUMBERS OF SALMON

Area	King	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	Boats
District 1	0	600	800	26,000	9,500	36,900	31
District 2	0	800	3,000	5,000	40,000	48,800	47
Amalga Harbor SHA	0	470	50	9,100	123,000	132,620	77
Point Augusta*	0	550	250	75,000	22,700	98,500	28
Tenakee Inlet	0	800	100	157,000	38,100	196,000	32
Total	0	3,220	4,200	272,100	233,300	512,820	215

Area	FISH PER BOAT						
	King	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	
District 1	0	19	26	839	306	1,190	
District 2	0	17	64	106	851	1,038	
Amalga Harbor SHA	0	6	1	118	1,597	1,722	
Point Augusta*	0	20	9	2,679	811	3,518	
Tenakee Inlet	0	25	3	4,906	1,191	6,125	

Kendrick Bay THA harvest to date: 35,000 chum salmon.

Anita Bay THA harvest to date: 4,800 king and 7,700 chum salmon.

Deep Inlet THA harvest: insufficient information.

District 10 harvest: no effort.

Section 13-C harvest: confidential.

*In the Point Augusta Index fishery, pink salmon harvests were 135% of the recent odd year average, and chum salmon harvests were 223% of the ten-year average.

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